

WILL NOT BE  
RECOGNIZED

United States to Hold the  
Bolsheviki Government  
in Abyeance

SO STATED AT  
WASHINGTON

Though Feeling in Europe Is  
More Favorable to  
Project

Washington, Dec. 17.—Recognition of the Bolshevik government by the United States is still remote, it was indicated to-day at the state department. Reports in Europe suggesting the development of sentiment in favor of dealing with the new regime as a de facto government have found no response here and it was made plain that the United States would continue its policy of awaiting developments. Reports from Ambassador Francis are coming through now with more regularity.

## ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

Little Infantry Fighting and Much  
Artillery Fighting.

Rome, Sunday.—There was little infantry fighting on the front between the Brenna and Piave rivers Saturday and a hostile attack was carried, says an official statement. "There was much artillery fighting on the northern front on Friday night," the statement adds. "Movements of troops within the enemy's lines of communication were bombarded effectively by our airplanes. A hostile airplane was brought down by British airmen near Ormele and one of our airmen accounted for another machine west of the Sarn valley."

## ARMISTICE SIGNED.

Russian-German Pact in Effect at Noon  
To-day.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 17.—An armistice agreement between the Bolshevik government in Russia and the German allies was signed at Brest Litovsk Saturday, according to an official communication issued yesterday. The armistice becomes effective at noon to-day and is to remain in force until Jan. 14.

A provision in the armistice agreement is that peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of the armistice.

## ITALIANS CELEBRATE.

Thirty-Five Thousand in Procession to  
Tomb of Poet Tasso.

Rome, Dec. 17.—To celebrate the delivery of Jerusalem from Turkish rule, a procession of 15,000 students and 20,000 members of scientific associations marched Sunday to the tomb of the poet, Tasso, who wrote "Jerusalem Delivered."

## Pacifists Making Discoveries.

Men who forget that we are engaged in a war which the people regard as sacred are likely to be brought up with a round turn by their betters. A lawyer in the supreme court who forgot this fact met very much his better yesterday. This lawyer, whose name is Jones, was arguing in behalf of a drafted man who wants to get off, and who is consequently calling the draft law into question in the highest court of the land. "The law," said Mr. Jones, "is unconstitutional, because it requires men to take part in a war which has never received the people's approval."

And here Chief Justice White stopped him. He reminded the man that this statement had nothing to do with the legal argument, and added, "It should not have been said to this court. It is a very unpatriotic statement to make."

Certainly it was that, and the lawyer was properly rebuked. The people of the United States speak when their lawfully constituted representatives speak. We have not yet introduced the Bolshevik system in this country. "The people are for the war, and have expressed their approval in ways which they themselves have chosen."

Another man who does not seem to like to go with his country has also come to grief. This one is a bishop of the church. Oddly enough, his name is Jones, too. He is the bishop of Utah, and he is one of the organizers of the pacifist and war-resisting "people's council of defense"—of defense against their government, and defense against law and liberty! Bishop Jones has been advised by a committee of bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church to resign his see, and he shows a disposition to do so. It is to be hoped that he will.—Boston Transcript.

## How Children Can Help in the War.

An editorial in the December Woman's Home Companion says:  
"You ask me: 'Do you think the children ought to have the same sort of Christmas as usual?' And I say, 'No, no!' Certainly not! I never have believed in this stuffing of children with Christmas sugar plums and loading them down with so many toys that they could not even find them interesting. I've done it, I admit! But this is a good year to stop it forever! It isn't the children's fault that their Christmas has appeared to their greedy little stomachs rather than to their imaginative, sensitive little souls. Let their Christmas tree this year bear a crop of things to give rather than a crop of things to get. They'll respond."

## A Few Suggestions.

Fletcherize and you won't need to Hooverize.  
Give up meat two days a week and "beefing" altogether.  
Why demand white sugar? The khaki-colored is obviously the thing these war times.—Boston Transcript.

The first meeting in bankruptcy of Alex. G. McTear of Montpelier will be held at 10 a. m. to-morrow and the first meeting in bankruptcy of William Cook, also of Montpelier, will be held Dec. 28.

MANY ENLIST TO  
BEAT THE DRAFT

Men Rush to Enter Service in Branches  
They Can Pick Them-  
selves.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Inability of many recruiting officers to care for the rush of men to join the regular army before the new draft regulations became effective Saturday was reflected in recruiting figures for Friday. The day total was only 9,104, as compared with 14,291 Thursday, when the recruiting system broke down.

Friday's figures, with three states missing—Arizona, New Hampshire and South Carolina—swelled the December enlistments to 70,466 men, not taking into account those accepted Saturday up to noon when enlistments in the regular army was prohibited to men of draft age under the new rules.

Volunteers to the regular army since the declaration of war in April now number 337,247 exceeding by 153,349 the number called for by President Wilson to bring the regulars to war strength. Ten states failed to supply their quotas. They were Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The thousands of men who volunteered in the past few days and were rejected because of the breaking down of the recruiting system will be accepted, said Secretary Baker Saturday, when he ordered that all qualified applicants who presented themselves before noon be accepted even though their examination and other details could not be completed until later.

With the putting into effect of new draft regulations Saturday the first five per cent of the questionnaires was distributed to the states. At the same time, Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that the huge task of classifying the 9,000,000 men of draft age unquestionably would be finished within 60 days.

There will be no further call of the draft men until the classifications are completed.

HOUSE VOTES ON  
PROHIBITION TO-DAY

Friends Are Confident the Measure Will  
Carry—Has Already Passed the  
Senate.

Washington, Dec. 17.—With an unusual record for business accomplished at a pre-holiday session already made, Congress turns to-day to a clean-up of domestic legislation before the Christmas holidays, after which it proposes to adjourn exclusively to war problems.

Adjournment Tuesday until Thursday, Jan. 3, a holiday recess somewhat longer than usual—is planned under a House resolution which comes to-day before the Senate.

During the recess committees will proceed with investigations and drafting of appropriation bills to follow in the new year.

Chief in interest now is the nationwide prohibition question to be voted on by the House this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Prohibition advocates are confident of approval by considerably more than the necessary two-thirds majority of the resolution for submission to the states of a national prohibition amendment to the constitution. The resolution was adopted Aug. 1 last by the Senate by a vote of 65 to 20. Action by the states, three-fourths of which must approve before the amendment becomes effective is required in seven years by the House resolution and six years under the Senate resolution.

## BROADWAY IN DARKNESS.

New York Thoroughfare Has Its First  
"Lightless Night."

New York, Dec. 17.—If Diogenes had been patrolling Broadway without a lantern last night he would not have recognized an honest man if he had passed one. It was the first "lightless night" the "great white way" has known since electric lights were invented. There were no lights in the street, of course, but the famous advertising signs were dark. By contrast with its usual brilliancy, the thoroughfare was dark as in the inside of a pocket.

The Broadway association announced that the fuel administration ordered the street darkened Sunday and Thursday night lights in the street, of course, but the effect it would have in impressing upon the public the need for conserving coal to help win the war.

## AMERICAN ENGINEERS MISSING.

Pershing Sends Names of Men Probably  
Captured By Germans.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Seventeen enlisted men of the United States army captured by the Germans in a dispatch to the war department.

They were missing on Nov. 30, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans while fighting valiantly with the engineer contingent which distinguished itself helping the British to break the attack.

Among the missing men, with their emergency addresses are:  
Harold T. Andrews; uncle, Frank Bradford, Portland, Me.  
Alphonso J. McGrath; relative, Timothy McGrath, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

## NEGRO RIOT IN BRIDGEPORT.

Six Persons Wounded and One Hundred  
and Six Arrested.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 17.—A gun battle lasting three hours between the police and frequenters of a negro club on Water street took place here early yesterday, resulting in the wounding of one policeman, two white citizens and three negroes.

Of the injured, two are likely to die. William Thomas, the proprietor of the club, and 108 others are under arrest. The fight started shortly after 5 o'clock and continued until after 8 o'clock. Virtually the whole police force was at one time engaged in the siege and the final battle took place when Supt. Redgate and four or five policemen forced their way into the clubroom.

38 Below at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 17.—A temperature of 38 degrees below zero was registered here yesterday, the coldest of the season so far, and in fact the record for December in many years.

ARMISTICE IN  
EFFECT TO-DAY

Russo-German Agreement  
Provides Former Shall  
Not Concentrate Troops

BETWEEN BLACK  
AND BALTIC SEAS

Attacks on War and Com-  
mercial Vessels Must Stop  
in These Regions

Petrograd, Sunday.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obligate no transference until January 14; no increase of troops on the fronts or on the islands in the Moon sound. The Germans are not to concentrate troops between the Black sea and the Baltic east of the 15th degree longitude.

Intercourse between troops may be allowed from sunrise to sunset. Groups are limited to 25 persons at a time, who may exchange newspapers and unsealed mails and who may carry on trade and exchange articles of prime necessity.

Special agreement will be made with the naval general staff regarding an extension of armistice to the White sea and the Russian coast in the Arctic zone. It is agreed also that attacks on war and commercial vessels must stop in these regions. The terms of the armistice allow the contracting parties to break it by giving seven days' notice.

## LOMASNEY FOR PETERS.

Prophets are Baffled in Picking Winner  
in Hub Fight.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Martin M. Lomasney, a leader in Democratic politics, announced last night that he would support Andrew J. Peters for mayor in the city election Tuesday.

Mr. Lomasney is generally conceded to have a following of several thousand voters, but supporters of the other four candidates said that the contest this year was so bitter and complicated that they believed his stand would not affect them.

Political prophets acknowledged themselves baffled yesterday in efforts to pick the winner of this city's mayoralty contest next Tuesday. The election is a congressional affair, in a sense, as two of the five candidates are now members of the House, while two others have served there. Mayor James M. Curley, a former congressman, is opposed for re-election by Congressman James A. Gallivan, Congressman Peter F. Tagne and Andrew J. Peters, also a former congressman and assistant secretary of the treasury. James O'Neal, Socialist, is the fifth candidate.

The contest has been sharp and in some instances conducted along personal lines.

LOCAL BOARD MAY  
ACCEPT ENLISTMENTS

Of Registrants Who are Not in the Current  
Quota of Draftees for Nearly  
All Branches of Service.

Governor H. F. Graham received a telegram this morning from the war department, which in effect makes the local exemption board a recruiting board. That is, it provides that the board may accept any registrants who are not in the current quota under certain provisions set forth in a telegram of 830 words.

This affects practically all branches, except cavalry and artillery, and it provides that the local board shall examine men and send them in small groups to different designated mobilization places allotted to each department.

For instance, the signal corps to Fort Leavenworth, medical corps of the east to Kelly Field, Texas, ordnance corps to Fort Ord, California, infantry corps to Camp Greene.

In the telegram, caution was given local boards about examinations.

## CONGRESSMAN ENLISTS.

Royal G. Johnson of South Dakota Goes  
to Camp Meade as Private.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Representative Royal G. Johnson of South Dakota enlisted to-day as a private in the regular army and was assigned to Camp Meade. He has not resigned his seat in the House.

## NO MOVE ON RAILROADS.

Will Be Made By President Until After  
Christmas Holidays.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—It was indicated to-day that President Wilson will make no further move in the railroad situation until Congress reconvenes after the Christmas holidays.

## H. C. Barnabee Dead.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Henry Clay Barnabee, familiar to thousands of playgoers as the "Sheriff of Nottingham," in De Koven's comic opera, "Robin Hood," died at his home in the Jamaica Plain district yesterday after a long illness. He was 84 years of age.

## Sight and Unseen.

Ebenezer Holcomb had a 1,200-pound hog, which he had exhibited in a tent at the fair for three years, charging 10 cents admission.

One day a traveling man who was passing through the town in which Mr. Holcomb lived called at the house and asked if he might see the hog of which he had heard so much. Ebenezer proudly led the way to the hog house, but at the door he turned.

## WARM SEEKS NEW TRIAL.

Claims Discovery of Evidence to Clear  
Him of Murder Verdict.

St. Albans, Dec. 17.—In the case of State vs. Robert Warm the respondent has filed with County Clerk G. C. Stevens his petition to the supreme court, January term, 1918, asking the court to set aside the verdict of the jury of manslaughter against him, and the judgment of the court thereon, alleging that he and his counsel, C. G. Austin & Sons, have discovered new and important evidence that will be decisive of his innocence of the murder of Jennie Hemmingway. He has also filed with his petition affidavits as to what that evidence is and of its discovery.

One of the most important allegations of the petition is that one of the jurors who tried the case was legally disqualified to sit on the case; that in his examination, before being accepted as a juror, he deceived the court and the counsel on both sides of the case as to his fitness to serve on the jury.

The petition is a forth claim of the respondent that in the former trial of his case the jury disregarded the undisputed evidence in the case, in his behalf, and the instructions of the court to them, and that at arriving at their verdict acted with passion and prejudice, and with undue haste.

## WILLISTON HOUSE BURNED.

Summer Home of R. A. Arms of Burlington  
Destroyed—Loss \$5,000.

Burlington, Dec. 17.—Fire loss approximating \$5,000 was suffered by Robert A. Arms of 75 Bank street Saturday morning when his summer residence in Williston was destroyed. In addition to the house, two large connecting barns were burned, as was also much hay, grain and boards. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

All of the furniture in the home, which was closed for the winter, was saved by help close by, the last load being taken from the doomed building shortly before the flames broke through the roof and enveloped the building.

A telephone call to this city from a farmhouse on Mr. Arms' property and occupied by one of his helpers summoned the chemical engine and Chief Stockwell to the place. Although the firemen put the automobile fire truck to the severest test it has ever experienced, 25 minutes were consumed before it arrived at the place, too late to be of any material assistance.

METHODIST CHURCH AT  
WINOOSKI BURNED

Loss Between \$10,000 and \$12,000 Partly  
Covered By Insurance—Fire Started  
from Overheated Furnace.

Winooski, Dec. 17.—Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed the Methodist Episcopal church on West Allen street, which has been a landmark in this village for seven years beyond the half century mark. The loss is estimated at between \$10,000 and \$12,000, which is partly covered by insurance. There is left standing simply the wooden frame. The alarm was rung in about 2:30 o'clock. The flames were thought to have had their origin from an overheated furnace, at the fire being located in the partitions in the south end of the building. Before three o'clock the main floor had fallen and the new pipe organ installed a few years ago, came down with it.

Regular Sunday worship was held in the forenoon and Sunday school classes held over until about one o'clock. It was thought by some during the morning service that something was burning, but little attention was paid to it. Insurance on the building and its contents, including the stained glass and memorial windows, is estimated at about \$5,000, although the exact figures could not be had last evening. The building was erected in 1860 and has been a landmark in the village. It had undergone considerable remodeling in the past few years, stained glass and memorial windows and steel ceilings being installed. About five years ago an Eskey pipe organ valued at \$2,000 was installed. The church societies were held in the basement, while the upper floor was used for worship.

## MEANS ACQUITTED.

Freed of Charge of Murdering Mrs.  
Maude A. King.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 17.—Gaston B. Means was acquitted here yesterday of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy widow of New York and Chicago, whose business affairs he had handled. The case, on trial for three weeks, went to the jury Saturday night at 7 o'clock, and the presiding judge having ruled that a verdict might be rendered on Sunday, the jurors sent word shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning that they were ready.

After the foreman of the jury had formally pronounced the verdict of "not guilty," counsel for Means asked the court if it had any other charges against their client. Judge Cline replied there were none, and Means was given his freedom for the first time since last September, when he was arrested on a warrant charging him with having shot Mrs. King, who was killed by a pistol shot near here on August 29. Means always asserted she shot herself accidentally.

## MONTPELIER HAS SMALL FIRE.

Harris Yett and E. T. Seguin Damaged  
By Water.

Montpelier firemen extinguished a blaze of threatening proportions in the Hazen block on Main street in that city this afternoon, when a fire was discovered in the basement of Chapman Bros. establishment. A telephone call received at the fire station around 1:30 o'clock was followed by a general alarm on fighting the blaze, which followed a partition on the east side of the building, nearest the Argus office. The damage to the building was slight, but water and smoke caused small losses in the stores of Harris Yett, a clothier, and E. T. Seguin, stationer.

## WINS \$110.70 VERDICT.

Norman S. Foote Successful in Commission  
Division Suit.

Middlebury, Dec. 17.—A verdict of \$110.70 and costs was given Norman S. Foote in his commission division suit against George Moore in the district court Saturday morning. The amount \$45.49 is interest on the original claim of \$65.21.

SUNDAY MOVIES  
AROUSE PASTORS

President of the Local Red  
Cross Protests to the  
City Council

WHICH HOLDS A  
HURRIED SESSION

Pastors Voice Opposition in  
Pulpits and in Letter to  
State's Attorney

Open hostility on the part of the clergy and others, a clash between the head of the local Red Cross branch and the county and city campaign organization, and \$55 were the net results of the first Sunday movie in Barre. Three shows in the Bijou Sunday afternoon and evening were well patronized, and with the soloist, pianist and theatre manager giving their services gratis, the receipts at the door were nearly clear gain, but through the week end the announcement that Sunday movies at last had gained a hold in Barre created a ferment in church circles, a ferment which culminated in a special meeting of the city council at noon Sunday.

Just where the Sunday movie plan, initiated in conjunction with the Red Cross membership campaign launched to-day, will end, is problematical, but pulpits utterances made in Barre yesterday assert that the Red Cross is being used as a medium for making Sabbath-day picture shows a fixture in Barre. Thus far the city council, although it met in a session extraordinary yesterday, has not acted, and for the patent reason that it is seemingly without authority in the matter. The meeting was called at the request of Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, president of the Barre Red Cross, and one of the clergymen who refused to spare the Sunday movie program and its sponsors in his sermon last evening. State Atty. Earle R. Davis and Grand Juror William Whistart were present at the meeting, but questions designed to ascertain whether they contemplated action did not elicit the desired information. The council remained in session for an hour and then adjourned. Mayor Glysson presided and members with the exception of Alderman Milne were present.

People who conduct or patronize Sunday movies are accountable to the state, according to the best authority. It is stated that persons who participate in hold Sunday entertainments of a class in which movies are listed are liable to a penalty of \$2 and costs, while there is a city ordinance which provides a penalty for \$100 if a person exhibiting moving pictures does not procure a license. At the city clerk's office to-day it was stated that no license was issued for a show yesterday.

Much of the opposition centered in pulpits talks given in the churches of the city last evening, and at a special meeting of the clergy this forenoon, some of the more pronounced opponents took occasion to enlarge upon opinions expressed in their pulpits. Rev. B. J. Lehigh of the First Baptist church, who considered Sunday evening service, described the show program as the devil's own work, according to those who heard him, and he is further quoted as saying that the Red Cross apparently was being used as a pretext for introducing movies to Sabbath-day audiences in this city. Rev. Edgar Crossland, who had preached on Red Cross work in the forenoon, spoke in the evening as the president of the local Red Cross branch. He was unopposed in his denunciation of the move for Sunday movies and served notice on his congregation that an attempt would be made to repeat the performance in the Park theatre next Sunday. He declared that the organization which appears to be back of the campaign in this section arranged for the moving picture show without consulting him, and intimated that an effort was being made to create a popular demand for an entertainment which had its inception under the auspices of the Red Cross.

The clergyman offered objections to using money obtained under such circumstances and declared that the Red Cross and its magnificent work was never started with the idea that it should drive on illegal Sunday entertainments. He argued that permission to run the movies would be a discrimination against dance hall owners, etc., for if Sunday is not to be exalted above other days, entertainments of all kinds should be allowed full sway. In closing, he said that he had been known to favor an exhibition of educational or war-work films with the understanding that no admission should be charged. As for the movie show shown yesterday, he was inclined to believe that the best sentiment in the community would condemn it without reserve.

At the Universalist church the pastor, Rev. J. W. Reardon, dwelt upon the fine courage of those who forwarded an announcement of Sunday movies to be read from his pulpit. The pastor expressed himself plainly against using his pulpit as a medium of advertising Sunday entertainments of the character given yesterday, and while he urged general support of the Red Cross and its worthy activities, he did not wish to go on record as a supporter of moving picture entertainments on Sunday.

## Pastors Address State's Attorney.

Outspoken disapproval of the movie program was heard again to-day when the ministers met, and the outcome of the meeting is the following letter, which The Times is asked to print:  
"An open letter to the state's attorney, Earle R. Davis:

"Dear Sir: We, the representatives of the churches of our city, assembled this morning, knowing we surely sense the sentiment of our churches, wish to register our disapproval of the open violation of the law in the opening of the moving picture show, even when it is ostensibly in behalf of the Red Cross. The Red Cross needs no such support. We protest the opening of the moving picture show Sunday and we understand that the offense is to be repeated again next Sunday."

## CHURCHES WILL CONSERVE FUEL.

They Also Suggest That Other Institutions  
Could Make Similar Sacrifices.

Barre, Dec. 17, 1917  
Mr. W. G. Reynolds, chairman of the local fuel commission.  
Dear Sir: In reply to your letter, re conservation of fuel, we wish to state that each congregation will cheerfully conserve the fuel as far as possible. Meetings during the week will be eliminated as far as practicable, and during excessive cold weather congregations will meet in the vestry. However, the churches are anxious to register their feeling that other institutions, like clubs, fraternal societies, moving picture shows, bowling alleys, and saloons, should be requested and expected to make similar sacrifices.

I have the honor to be, dear sir,  
Faithfully yours,  
Edgar Crossland,  
Secretary of the Local Ministerial union.

RED CROSS DRIVE  
STARTS TO-DAY

Montpelier Boy Having Completed His  
Enlistment, Returns to Montpelier  
—Saw Several Vermonters.

Chandler Brown, son of Insurance Commissioner J. G. Brown, who has been in the ambulance service in France, arrived at his home in Montpelier yesterday morning. Young Brown, who went out last spring with a Dartmouth unit, has a very interesting story to tell of his services at the front, in which he had a number of very close calls. He just escaped having the top of his car taken off by a shell on one occasion and another a bursting shell fell just behind his car. He escaped injury, however. Brown, in his service at the front, was in the first line trenches. He came home with eight others, whose term of service, like his own, had expired. He saw John Gordon of Barre, who was in the same unit, just before leaving. The latter had not then decided whether he would re-enter the ambulance service or enter some other branch. Mr. Brown saw Guy P. Benton of Burlington, but not to talk to. He was also in correspondence with William Corry of Montpelier, but was unable to get in touch with other Montpelier boys.

BEATTY S. BALESTIER  
IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Suit Brought Against Him Charging Him  
with Alienation of Mrs. W. O.  
Cooley's Affections.

Battleboro, Dec. 17.—Major Walter O. Cooley, of the 1st Vermont regiment, Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., through his attorney, Robert C. Bacon, to-day filed a suit for \$10,000 against Beatty S. Balestier, charging the alienation of the affections of his wife, Rose Putnam Cooley. The suit is returnable at the September term of court.

Mrs. Cooley, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Putnam, has not lived with her husband since June 21, 1916. Balestier is a brother-in-law of Ruyard Kipling. He was arrested by Sheriff Clifford E. Mann and then released on bail signed by Edwin H. Miller of Dummerston.

CHANDLER BROWN  
BACK FROM FRANCE

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## GIVEN FAREWELL RECEPTION

Student Body at Goddard Honors Charles  
Hoernle, Who Has Enlisted.

A very enjoyable reception was held Saturday evening at the Goddard chapel, the occasion being in the nature of a farewell reception tendered by the student body of the Goddard seminary as Charles Hoernle of the faculty, who is to sever his connection with the hilltop school next Saturday. Mr. Hoernle, who has been engaged at Goddard seminary as instructor in the commercial studies, as well as having charge of the various athletic teams of the school during the past six years, recently enlisted as a first-class yeoman in the U. S. navy and has been ordered to report for duty at the Boston naval training station on Jan. 1.

During the evening refreshments were served, while an impromptu program of dances was enjoyed by a large number of the student body. Acting as spokesman for the student body, Earle Winters, president of the senior commercial class, presented Mr. Hoernle a traveling bag, a handsome sweater and a wrist watch as tokens of their esteem and appreciation of his tasks in behalf of the school's welfare during the past few years, for which the latter responded feelingly with a neat and appropriate speech.

## ALEX. CORTI DEAD.

Former Resident of Barre Dies in Batavia, N. Y., After Year's Illness.

A telegram received in Barre last night by E. J. Rullo of Durkee place brought tidings of the death of Alexander Corti, one of the first Italians to locate in Barre. Mr. Corti, in late years a well known hotel man in Batavia, N. Y., passed away in that city Sunday morning, after a year of failing health. He is best remembered here by his sisters, Mrs. Verdi Bruno and Mrs. Annie Galli, and by Italians of the older generation. He was born in Viggi, Italy, Oct. 31, 1860, and came to Batavia more than 20 years ago. Here he followed the granite cutters' trade until his removal in 1905 to Batavia, where he established himself in the hotel business.

Besides his wife and the two sisters already mentioned, Mr. Corti leaves four sons and two daughters, Frank Corti, an attorney in Batavia, Fred, John and Aldo Corti, and Misses Flora and Mary Corti. Mr. Corti was a brother of Mrs. E. Corti of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a brother, Peter Corti of Batavia, who is engaged in the retail granite business. E. J. Rullo of Barre is a nephew of the deceased. Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Galli are to attend the funeral, which is to be held in Batavia Tuesday afternoon.

## DIRECTORS ORGANIZE.

Granite Manufacturers' Association Appoints Committees for Year.

Directors of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association held their first meeting of the fiscal year at the association headquarters Saturday afternoon, at which time the standing committee for 1918 were appointed. The slate was announced to-day as follows:

Grievance committee: Barre, James Brown, Alexander Duncan, Robert Q. McDonnell; Montpelier, Frank Donette, A. B. Staples, Robert Fraser; Waterbury, W. H. B. Perry, C. L. O'Clair, C. D. Swasey; Northfield, H. H. Slack, N. Pelagius, George Cross; Williamstown, William Jones; East Barre, August Desilets, Jerome Veronesi, Eugene Bisson.

Claims committee: Samuel Gerrard, Joseph Calcagni, J. C. Booth.

Railroad committee: H. J. M. Jones, Robert Q. McDonnell, William A. Murray.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD.

But Sunday Was Not a Day of Rest in  
Halifax.